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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

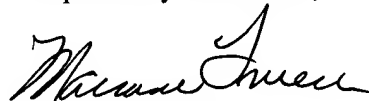
B1 This application is filed under the provisions of 35 USC §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/DE00/00038 filed January 5, 2000, which in turn claims priority of German Patent Application No. 199 00 414.5 filed January 8, 1999.

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**REMARKS**

This claim to priority is being filed within four (4) months of September 12, 2001 the date when the above-identified application met all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371. Also, applicants claimed priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/DE00/00038 and German Patent Application No. 199 00 414.5 when the above-identified application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as evidenced by the enclosed filing receipt.

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